



' BIDGEE BULLDUST BULLETIN WINTER/SPRING 2018

MANAGER'S REPORT (27TH JULY 2018)

Peter Schofield

RAINFALL

Property Conditions have been dry since my last report at the start of May. We have had thirteen falls of rain with in this period - two of them were 17mm and 14.5mm and the others have been made up of 28mm in total. The total for the period is 59.5mm. There are some tiny green shoots around the place from the rain, but not enough warmth in the ground to get it growing quicker.



RIVERS

The Murrumbidgee River has been very low up until about 4 weeks ago when it came up about 500-600mm and has been there ever since. Most of you have seen it almost at its worst with very little water coming down stream. We got a small flow down the Lachlan River which put water in Nooran Lake and Clear Lake but has left the lakes now just as quick as it came in.

TRACKS

Tracks on the property are holding up pretty well overall. Even with the rain we have had, and shareholder use, the grading and smudging we did earlier has helped. Boyong has offered to grade some new tracks in Woolshed and Pump frontage whilst they are doing firewood, so I will take advantage of that and put some tracks in when the time comes. (/cont...)



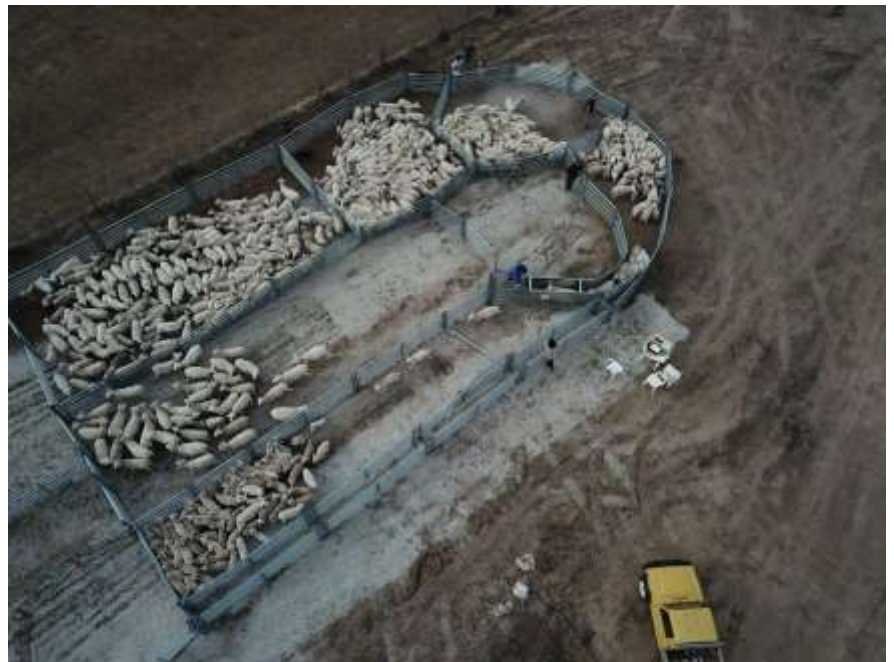
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We currently have approx. 550 head on agistment now. With the same three agistees. They are all happy with the conditions at Toopuntul.

The Dorper's are doing very very well and have almost finished lambing. I am still seeing a few fresh lambs each time I go out to check them. There were two lots of twins only last week. Our Agent from BR&C has been out a few times to look at them and has said they are looking very well and in fantastic condition.

The sheep yards have been erected, with just a couple of finishing touches left to do. Thanks to BeBe, Jim and Geoff Gowty for their assistance for what was more than a one man job.

The fencing contractors are here now completing the laneway/old irrigation fence. We are erecting this in ring lock, so we can bring the sheep in easily each time we muster. The current fence wouldn't stand a chance with these sheep and would only create more work getting them into the yards. It should be completed by Monday the 23rd July. I would like to thank Kevin Frawley and Kevin Horsey for the help and preparation of the lane way for the fencer. Also, our new loader being a real asset in the clean-up of the old fence and shrubs where the new one will go.



We will be mustering on the 26th of July, so I will have firm sheep and lamb numbers in next report. I would like to say there is somewhere in the vicinity of 400-500 lambs on the ground out there. The majority will fall within the age of 3 months or under, with some being older due to being born earlier and some younger being late comers. Three months or under is ideal for marking.

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MAINTENANCE

We have a new foot valve on the big pump down on the corner of the property in Pump Frontage. A big thankyou to the Horsey Crew for their assistance and Steve from Boyong for the use of his Machine to lower it in the water. Without this, we won't be able to pump water up the channel and down the creeks in the future.

Thank you to Chris and Reece Emmins for the new air line set up in the work shop. This will assist us in maintenance of our farm vehicles. Josh Pingiaro has been on Toopuntul the past two weeks doing work experience. He has done a tremendous job, and it has been great having an extra pair of hands helping me.

WOOD

The wood cutters have started in woolshed frontage and are moving along very well. Woolshed frontage is closed to shooting but open to bow hunting, fishing and sightseeing.

PIGS

Philip at local land services in Hay, who took over from Suzie, is very happy with our pig numbers to date, but still wants to see photos of the animals shot. Please send them through to me. Since the 28/3/18 till now, 298 have been shot and 32 trapped. There is still plenty out there.

VISITATION

Shareholder visits from the 4th of May 2018 are as follows:

- Shareholders – 32 Spouses / under 21s – 27 Visitors – 27



ANOTHER FIRST FOR 'TOOPUNTUL

Judy Tolley



The 26th July 2018 saw another milestone for Toopuntul with the first full muster of our mob of Dorpers, along with the marking and tailing of lambs.

Pete and Bebe with the help of stockman Rodney Armstrong and his trusty dogs, Rod Jouning and Geoff Gowty in a plane, and Clint Comelli, Jim Gowty, Michael Beattie and Simon and Max Pratt, all did a great job of rounding up the mob for the process of marking and tailing the new lambs.

Toopuntul's new sheep yards got their initial workout along with the added bonus of Rodney Armstrong's cradles.

Jim, Simon and Michael certainly had their work cut out with lifting the larger lambs onto the cradles for Rodney A and Geoff for the job of castrating and tailing.

Clint, Max and Bebe were in charge of ear tagging while doctors Pete and Rod Jouning were administering vaccinations. Bob Bowden and John T were helping out along with Jude, who was in charge of tallying.



Final numbers were:

- Ewes: 498
- Rams: 8
- Lambs: 464

(roughly 50/50 split of males and females). There were some ewes still lambing as four new lambs were spotted the next day.

A total of 43 ewes and 2 rams were unaccounted for in the muster but Rodney A with his experience believes they would still be on the property. Pete believes he has seen the rams and a couple of ewes, with long tailed older lambs also spotted. All said and done this is another great success story for Toopuntul.



GARAGING FOR VEHICLES

Robert Sturzaker

After an approach by some shareholders for a roof to put over their vehicles, the Board has agreed to build a shed, subject to sufficient demand. It is proposed to be built inside the levy back to the south east of, and on the same angle as, the workshop. Some vehicles are currently parked in that spot. It will be suitable for cars, boats, airboats, caravans and trailers. It will not be suitable for storing junk, accommodation or making into a workshop.

The proposed shed details are shown below. It will be an open sided shed with a wall at each end and space for 12 vehicles. The 12 spaces will be rented out to shareholders at an annual rent of \$200, which will increase by CPI each year.

If you are interested a deposit of \$600 is required with your expression of interest. The deposit will be returned if the shed is not built, but will be non-refundable and will be defrayed against the first three years rent if the shed goes ahead. A ballot will settle any excess demand and allocation of places.

If you are interested please forward \$600 to Toopuntul Holdings Ltd 062-554 10073012 with "GARlastname" in the description box by 31st August 2018.

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| 1. Building Type: Rural / - (Wind Category 2) | Ref Date: 21/03/2018 |
| 2. Roof Type: 10° Roof Pitch Gable | 8. Purlin & Wall Girts: Galvanized Z Section Purlins |
| 3. Length: 18400 | 9. Roof Sheeting: T-Clad - Zinc |
| 4. Width: 12000 | 10. Wall Sheeting: T-Clad - Zinc |
| 5. Eave Height: 4500 | 11. Guttering & Downpipes: Both sides down to ground level |
| 6. Column Type: Single Roll Formed Section - Grey Oxide | 12. Flashings: Ridge, Barge & Corners |
| 7. Truss Type: Single Roll Formed Section - Grey Oxide | 13. Plans & Computations: Yes (if Required) |
| 14. Walls: Open Both sides | |
| 15. Safety Mesh: Safety Mesh Only to Roof Area | |
| 16. Spoils from Footings: To be removed by customer | |
| 17. Delivery to Site-Included: Yes delivery to site included (Unloading to be arranged by customer) | |

